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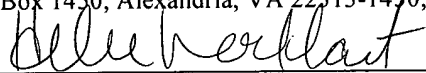
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martha K. Newell et al.  
Serial No: 09/823,886  
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For: Compositions and Methods for Regulating Metabolism in Plants  
Examiner: David T. Fox  
Art Unit: 1638

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on July 24, 2003. Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time for response to and including October 24, 2003. Please charge the fee for the extension of time and any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group VII (claims 7, 25-27, 38-41 and 49, drawn to methods for decreasing UCP in a plant), with traverse. As further required by the Examiner upon election of Group I, Applicants further elect the following single nucleotide sequence and corresponding amino acid sequence: SEQ ID NO.: 8.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group VII (claims 7, 25-27, 38-41 and 49, drawn to methods for decreasing UCP in a plant), and further elect SEQ ID NO. 8, with traverse.